





HOW TO USE THE PLAN


Goal: A goal is a desired outcome expressed in simple terms. The goals of this plan were developed to address the priorities and concerns of the neighborhood residents. The plan has six goals each of which guides the strategies necessary to achieve the goal. The goals of the Idora Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan are as follows:


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1. ENSURE THAT THE IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD IS A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE.
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2. INCREASE NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE.
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3. CREATE A NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR ON GLENWOOD AVENUE.
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4. PRESERVE EXISTING HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
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5. RECLAIM, RECREATE AND REHABILITATE VACANT LAND AND STRUCTURES TO CREATE PRODUCTIVE AND USABLE SPACES.
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6. CLEAN AND GREEN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH THE HELP OF THE CITY, LOCAL ORGANIZATION'S AND IDORA'S OWN RESIDENTS.

GOAL A: ENSURE THAT THE IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD IS A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE.

- Strategy: A.1

Establish a neighborhood block watch program.
- Strategy: A.2

Enhance community policing in the neighborhood.
- Strategy: A.3

Eliminate drug activity in the neighborhood.
- Strategy: A.4

Educate residents on simple crime deterring actions.
- Strategy: A.5

Provide neighborhood youth with safe activities.
- Strategy: A.6

Encourage strict enforcement of city ordinances.
- Strategy: A.7

Reduce criminal activity at convenience stores.
- Strategy: A.8

Develop a graffiti removal program.
- Strategy: A.9

Focus on demolition to reduce crime.
- Strategy: A.10

Improve street lighting.

Community policing allows officers to build relationships with neighborhood residents



GOAL B: INCREASE NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE.

- Strategy: B.1

Establish the Idora Neighborhood Association.
- Strategy: B.2

Create a Neighborhood Talent Directory.
- Strategy: B.3

Encourage the scheduling of regular block parties throughout the year.
- Strategy: B.4

Develop an Idora Neighborhood Webpage on the Youngstown 2010 website.
- Strategy: B.5

Develop a collection of neighborhood history.
- Strategy: B.6

Create a Neighborhood Cookbook.
- Strategy: B.7

Brand the Idora Neighborhood.
- Strategy: B.8

Develop signage to distinguish the neighborhood as somewhere unique and special.
- Strategy: B.9

Create murals along the Glenwood Avenue Corridor.
- Strategy: B.10

Explore the historic designation of portions of the neighborhood.
- Strategy: B.11

Further Neighborhood Pride through housing rehabilitation and maintenance programs.

- Strategy: B.12

Create and distribute a city resource packet.
- Strategy: B.13

Publicize the names of absentee property owners that do not maintain their properties.
- Strategy: B.14

Develop a neighborhood social support system.
- Strategy: B.15

Establish an “Adopt-a-Block” Program.
- Strategy: B.16

Develop a strong relationship with the neighborhood’s councilmember.
- Strategy: B.17

Create a Neighborhood Center on Glenwood Avenue.
- Strategy: B.18

Establish strong relationships with local media.

Murals provide an opportunity to foster the arts and brighten vacant buildings



GOAL C: CREATE A NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR ON GLENWOOD AVENUE.

- Strategy: C.1

Create a detailed plan for the Glenwood Avenue Corridor.
- Strategy: C.2

Create a neighborhood business association.
- Strategy: C.3

Provide increased neighborhood employment opportunities.
- Strategy: C.4

Enhance the appearance of Glenwood Avenue.
- Strategy: C.5

Create a variety of commercial activities for the neighborhood.
- Strategy: C.6

Focus commercial activities at the neighborhood nodes to create gateways to the neighborhood.
- Strategy: C.7

Improve the Glenwood Avenue Streetscape.
- Strategy: C.8

Encourage the rezoning of Glenwood Avenue.

Example: Sherwood to Parkview



EXISTING INVENTORY

Building A (Old Parkview Inn)	15,000 sq. ft. VACANT
Parking	unmarked surface parking spaces

PROPOSED INVENTORY

Building A (New Building)	5,000 sq. ft. RETAIL
Building B (New Building)	5,000 sq. ft. RETAIL
Building C (Old Parkview Inn)	5,000 sq. ft. vacant REUSE for MIXED USE
Parking	65 surface parking spaces 13 on-street parking spaces

GOAL D: PRESERVE EXISTING HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

- Strategy: D.1

Encourage existing property owners to maintain and improve their properties.
- Strategy: D.2

Rehabilitate underutilized properties.
- Strategy: D.3

Encourage reinvestment in the existing housing stock by absentee landlords.
- Strategy: D.4

Create opportunities for increased home ownership in the neighborhood.
- Strategy: D.5

Establish a public/private loan pool.
- Strategy: D.6

Hold foreclosure prevention workshops.

A targeted housing rehabilitation program can help to stabilize key neighborhood streets



- Strategy: D.7

Require increased qualifications and background checks for those appraising real estate within the City of Youngstown.
- Strategy: D.8

Develop an overall program to deal with vacancy.
- Strategy: D.9

Collaborate with neighborhood realtors to market housing.
- Strategy: D.10

Establish an annual parade of homes.
- Strategy: D.11

Market housing opportunities to immigrant communities.
- Strategy: D.12

Collaborate with major employers to create employer assisted housing programs.
- Strategy: D.13

Develop a program to mitigate the effects of lead based paint in older housing.
- Strategy: D.14

Create a receivership program for nuisance properties.
- Strategy: D.15

Create an Idora Neighborhood Homeownership Office.

GOAL E: RECLAIM, RECREATE AND REHABILITATE VACANT LAND AND STRUCTURES TO CREATE PRODUCTIVE AND USABLE SPACES.

- Strategy: E.1

Pursue the strategic acquisition of vacant parcels and structures throughout the neighborhood.
- Strategy: E.2

Develop a strategic demolition plan for the Idora Neighborhood.
- Strategy: E.3

Consider the development of a green reuse map.
- Strategy: E.4

Organize residents to provide maintenance and management of vacant land.
- Strategy: E.5

Reclaim the former Idora Park Site to create a park once again.
- Strategy: E.6

Collaborate with the community organizations to create community gardens on vacant lots.



- Strategy: E.7

Consider the development of a greenhouse at one of the community garden locations.
- Strategy: E.8

Collaborate with Lien Forward to offer vacant lots to adjacent homeowners.
- Strategy: E.9

Collaborate with community organizations to create pocket parks throughout the neighborhood.
- Strategy: E.10

Consider the feasibility of creating a new neighborhood park.
- Strategy: E.11

Develop a boarding program to secure abandoned structures.
- Strategy: E.12

Require the planting of lots after vacant structures are demolished.
- Strategy: E.13

Educate residents about the benefits and incentives of locating to healthier portions of the neighborhood/city as outlined in Youngstown 2010.
- Strategy: E.14

Develop a best practices guide regarding ways to turn vacancy into an opportunity.
- Strategy: E.15

Encourage strict enforcement of litter control and dumping ordinances.
- Strategy: E.16

Encourage the development of new quality infill housing in strategic locations.

GOAL F: CLEAN AND GREEN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH THE HELP OF THE CITY, LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND IDORA'S OWN RESIDENTS.

- Strategy: F.1

Establish seasonal neighborhood cleanups.
- Strategy: F.2

Ensure that infrastructure is adequately and consistently maintained.

- Strategy: F.3

Encourage increased recycling and environmental responsibility throughout the neighborhood.
- Strategy: F.4

Reuse vacant land for green uses.